

November 8, 2007

The Board of Public Works & Safety met at 4:00 p.m. on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Knowles presiding and members Askren and Williams attending. Others attending were Chief Beloit; Comm. Epison; Supt. Givens; Chief Reese; Firefighter Robbie Wilson; and Brian Mundy – M D Wessler.

Mayor Knowles called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. She added if not, she entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Askren moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Williams.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Williams moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

*****CLAIMS*****

Mayor Knowles stated they will now have the Swearing In of newly appointed firefighter, Robbie Wilson.

Mr. Wilson was then administered the Oath of Office by the Clerk-Treasurer and congratulated by the Board.

Mayor Knowles stated they will now hear the reports of the Departments.

Chief Reese stated he has no report.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Supt. Givens reported the motor on the clarifier has been replaced and it is up and running fine now. He added they did have problems with it initially, and they were close to having solids go airborne, but things are fine now. He stated over the weekend, the return pump burnt up. In the past, a new pump came with a five year warranty, though if a new one is kept in storage before use, it can only be kept for one year; and then they usually last only two to three years since they run continuously. He suggested this time they try to repair the pump instead of purchase new, seeing as it is half the cost.

Mayor Knowles questioned the cost of a new pump ?

Supt. Givens replied around \$5,000 brand new; to repair would cost about half of that, which is what he would recommend.

Mayor Knowles stated they may not be a bad idea if the new ones only last two to three years anyway.

Supt. Givens stated he does feel it may be better to go with a rebuilt.

Mayor Knowles suggested he try that approach this time and track its success.

Board agreed.

Board member Williams asked if Supt. Givens is sure of the two to three year timeframe?

Supt. Givens replied yes, he is logging everything from start up date, to when it is pulled to replacement.

Board member Williams asked if the city is doing their part on upkeep of the warranty on the new ones ?

Supt. Givens replied yes, these pumps are in a pit 30 feet deep and it is expensive to have them repaired; the sewer department is doing their part.

Board member Williams stated he has no problem with experimenting with a rebuilt pump, though he personally always felt it was better to purchase one new.

Supt. Givens stated on November 1 they started their seven day a week testing, as per their permit. He added he has put on a full time shift on the weekends now as well. He then stated they had a quality control test and received A+; very good results. He continued his report by stating the issue on Magnolia Drive he believes has been resolved. He stated they were to enter into a service agreement with the homeowners, but one of them had issues with some of the language; and in the meantime, the contractor showed up to start the work. He stated the contractor immediately found the mini main and everything went smoothly, there was no need for an agreement. He added the work was completed in two days and everyone seems satisfied at this point.

Board member Williams commended Supt. Givens on his handling of the situation.

Mayor Knowles agreed and added she appreciated his efforts. She then stated Brian Mundy is here from Wessler and would like to update the Board on the Long Term Control Plan.

Mr. Mundy stated he has given the Board the LTCP as it was approved by IDEM and is now part of the city's permit. He added the final draft should come to them within 30 days and it can then be attached to their permit. He stated if the Board will refer to page 3 they will find the schedule that has been adopted and put into the city's Judicial Agreement. He added the design work on Project 1 has been started, which includes field surveys; and they have smoke tested half of the south part of town. He added some of this field survey work will be done aurally, once the leaves are off the trees.

Mayor Knowles asked if they are adding layers to the GIS ?

Mr. Mundy replied yes they are updating that as they go along; and they have found some discrepancies. He then stated per the LTCP, as written, Project 1 is the Sawmill area (overflow) and it has to be eliminated. He added the \$13.8M price tag is the worst case scenario, they are going to be looking at ways to correct this that may be more effective; possibly replacing all sanitary lines in the area. He added they would definitely come back to the Board later with hopefully better numbers. He then asked if there were any questions ?

Mayor Knowles stated around town there are pink flags where defects have been found during smoke testing; will folks be notified of those defects and how they should fix them?

Mr. Mundy replied yes, but he is not sure of the legalities involved.

Mayor Knowles added some cities have mandated that people's gutters be removed from the sanitary system.

Mr. Mundy stated they can address those issues when they get further along, but a lot of that will be taken care of through the projects that they do.

Supt. Givens stated they do not allow houses with gutters to be tied to the combined sewer lines.

Mr. Mundy agreed that no new connections like that are permitted, but they are some existing situations out there and he is not sure yet how they will be handled.

Mayor Knowles thanked Supt. Givens for the clarification.

Mr. Mundy stated most cases of combination sewers are located south of Hwy 62 mainly, the rest is strictly sanitary. He then stated if anyone has any questions they can give him a call at any time.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Comm. Epison stated Monday, November 12 is a Holiday, trash picked up on that day will be picked up on Tuesday. He then gave the Board pictures of the pipe bursting that had recently been done on Mulberry Street. He added the procedure worked well and was very cost effective. He added as the Board can see, the pipe caved in and he is not sure why the street has not caved in. He did state however, he feels the street department can take care of this work themselves at a cost of around \$6,000 for the piping.

Mayor Knowles agreed he should look into doing the work himself to try to save the city some money.

Comm. Epison stated he feels he needs to make a move on this project this year while the weather is still semi good. He added they will only have to dig about 200 feet though instead of the entire block.

Supt. Givens stated he was just asked about this area earlier in the week; thanks for the update and clarification.

Board member Williams asked about cutting the street.

Comm. Epison replied they may have to replace about 4 foot of curb.

Board member Williams stated it sounds like a good idea to him.

Comm. Epison added the concrete work may need to wait until spring.

Mayor Knowles stated he should touch base with her on the progress of the project. She then stated on the Agenda is action on the Street Department Operating Procedures.

Board member Williams stated he saw no problems with them and wondered if Attorney Funkhouser had looked them over ?

Comm. Epison replied no, he has not looked at them, but they have been in place for years, he is only adding procedures on backing up and excavating.

Board member Williams moved the procedures be approved pending review by Attorney Funkhouser. Seconded by Mayor Knowles, who then stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Chief Belloat stated he has no report.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Knowles stated on the Legal portion of the Agenda is opening bids received for the sewer department camera truck.

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe opened the sealed bids in the order in which they were received, as follows:

1. Best Equipment Company – accompanied by Bid Bond \$160,796.38
2. Jack Doheny Supplies, Inc. – unable to present a bid at this time
3. CUES – accompanied by Cashier's Check – Base Bid \$149,000.00

Board agreed to take the bids under advisement and have Attorney Funkhouser review for legalities and Supt. Givens for adherence to specifications.

Mayor Knowles asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

There was no response.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Knowles stated under New Business, the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 20th due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Mayor Knowles stated if there were no further business, she entertains a motion to adjourn.

Board member Askren moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Williams.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

Rosemary L. Knowles
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Wolfe
Clerk-Treasurer